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Anthony D. Rodgers, Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
801 E. Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85034

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

Enclosed is an approved copy of Arizona State plan amendment (SPA) 05-005. The SPA updates the average monthly nursing facility rates for private patients in Arizona, for purposes of calculating the period of ineligibility imposed on individuals who make prohibited transfers of assets. I am approving this SPA with the requested effective date of October 1, 2005.

If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Ronald Reepen at (415) 744-3601.

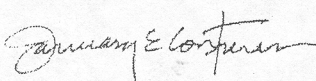

Sincerely,

Linda Minamoto
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health

Enclosure

cc:

Gary Jackson, CMS, CMSO, FCHPG
Cynthia Potter, CMS, CMSO, PCPG (two copies)

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 05-005	2. STATE Arizona
FOR: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE October 1, 2005	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: Section 1917(c) of the Act		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY \$ b. FFY 2005/2006 \$ Minimal	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Addendum to Supplement 9 to Attachment 2.6-A, p.4		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Same	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Average Cost of Private Pay Rates			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: January Contreras 801 E. Jefferson, MD#4200 Phoenix, Arizona 85034	
13. TYPED NAME: January Contreras			
14. TITLE: Assistant Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: September 30, 2005			
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17. DATE RECEIVED: September 30, 2005		18. DATE APPROVED: November 30, 2005	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: October 1, 2005		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME: Linda Minamoto		22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator DMCH	
23. REMARKS:			

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: ARIZONA

TRANSFERS OF ASSETS (ON OR AFTER AUGUST 11, 1993)

Section 1917(c)
of the Act

For transfers of assets on or after August 11, 1993, the State complies with 1917(c) of the Social Security Act, as amended by Section 13611 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. Page 2 of Supplement 9 to Attachment 2.6-A specifies what constitutes undue hardship.

The period of ineligibility shall begin with the month in which such assets were transferred and the number of months in such period shall be equal to the total uncompensated value of the assets so transferred, divided by (check one of the following):

_____ \$ _____, which is the average cost to, a private patient at the time of application, of nursing facility services in the State; or

 X the average cost, to a private patient at the time of application, of nursing facility services in the community in which the individual is institutionalized. The average monthly costs for nursing facility services in the various communities in the State are listed below:

\$4,507.06 (Maricopa County)

\$4,507.06 (Pima County)

\$4,507.06 (Pinal County)

\$4,189.44 (Balance of State)